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FOR: CROSS CONNECTING STOP	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	Confirmation No.: 5209

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 8, 2004**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004 for the above-identified application. The Office Action set an initial three-month shortened statutory period for response and this response is filed within that period. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: